

**REMARKS**

The examiner has indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

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- Claims 1-53, and 78-95, drawn to a storage virtualization computer system, classified in class 710, subclass 5
- Claims 54-77, drawn to an external storage virtualization controller, classified in class 710, subclass 74

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**Response:**

The applicant hereby elects the following:

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- **Claims 1-53, and 78-95, drawn to a storage virtualization computer system, classified in class 710, subclass 5**

for prosecution on the merits in response to the above election requirement. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-53, and 78-95.

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Accordingly claims 54-77 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof; however, the applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications based on these claims.

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No new matter is introduced in this response to Office action. Consideration of claims 1-53, and 78-95 readable on the elected invention is requested.

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Sincerely yours,



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